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Title : Need to encourage export of Sugar from the country.

SHRI S.D. MANDLIK (KOLHAPUR): During 2005-2006 the international prices of sugar soared higher than the domestic price for the first time in the history of sugar industry. Due to the ban imposed by the Government of India vide notification dated 4.7.2006 on export of sugar, the demand for sugar in the domestic market as well as price have fallen sharply. Besides the sugarcane growers are demanding higher prices, which the sugar factories are not able to meet. Further the stocks of sugar have started pilling up in the godowns of the factories.

In the situation it is obvious that there is sugar glut and the domestic prices of sugar are falling below the cost of production. The government of India has always been encouraging export because this is the main factor of economic planning and growth.

Sir, I urge the Government of India and the Prime Minister to intervene for allowing export of sugar at the earliest as the current crushing season has already started and the production of sugar is in full swing.